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CLAIMS:

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1. An exposure apparatus comprising:

a projection optical system for projecting a pattern of a mask onto a substrate; and

a fluid supply unit for supplying a fluid between said projection optical system and the substrate, said fluid supply unit including an injection unit for injecting carbon dioxide into the fluid.

- 2. An exposure apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said fluid supply unit includes a degassing unit for degassing the fluid, said degassing unit being located at an upstream side of the injection unit.
- 3. An exposure apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said injection apparatus includes a membrane module for injecting the carbon dioxide.

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4. An exposure apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide at a concentration of the carbon dioxide in the fluid between 0.02 ppm and 750 ppm.

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5. An exposure apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide

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at the concentration of the carbon dioxide in the fluid between 0.06 ppm and 300 ppm.

6. An exposure apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the fluid supply unit includes a resistivity meter for measuring a resistivity value of the fluid, and the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide based on a measurement result of the resistivity meter.

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7. An exposure apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 3 and 6, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide so that a resistivity value of the fluid is between 0.02 M Ω ·cm and 10 M Ω ·cm.

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8. An exposure apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide so that the resistivity value of the fluid is between 0.04 M Ω ·cm and 5 M Ω ·cm.

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- 9. An exposure apparatus comprising: an illumination optical system for illuminating a mask using light from a light source; and
- a projection optical system for projecting a pattern of the mask onto a substrate,

wherein a fluid supplied to a space between said projection optical system and the substrate has a concentration of carbon dioxide between 0.02 ppm and 750 ppm.

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An exposure apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide at the concentration of the carbon dioxide in the fluid between 0.06 ppm and 300 ppm.

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and

An exposure apparatus comprising: an illumination optical system for illuminating a mask using light from a light source;

15 a projection optical system for projecting a pattern of the mask onto a substrate,

wherein a fluid supplied to a space between said projection optical system and the substrate has a resistivity value between 0.02 M Ω ·cm and 10 M Ω ·cm.

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12. An exposure apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the injection unit injects the carbon dioxide so that the resistivity value between 0.04 M Ω ·cm and 5 $M\Omega \cdot cm$.

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13. A device manufacturing method comprising the steps of:

exposing an object using an exposure apparatus according to any one of claims 1 to 12; and developing the exposed object.